1	2	3	4	5	6
15	Madras	46	42	4	20.08.2007 15.08.2007 06.05.2007 08.03.2007
16	Orissa	20	14	6	29.02.2007 02.01.2007 24.11.2004 22.03.2004 22.03.2004 03.03.2004
17	Patna	31	30	1	16.06.2007
18	Punjab and Haryana	40	34	6	15.03.2007 15.03.2007 24.01.2007 12.01.2007 02.01.2007 25.12.2006
19	Rajasthan	40	36	4	13.03.2007 20.02.2007 27.10.2006 17.06.2006
20	Sikkim	3	1	2	04.04.2007 12.07.2007
21	Uttaranchal	9	9	0	
	TOTAL:	689	590	99	

Vacancies in courts and regulatory authorities

2822. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the present vacancies of Supreme Court and High Courts Judges and the Chairmen and Members of various regulatory authorities within the jurisdiction of the Central Government, indicating the number of vacancies in the Supreme Court, each High Court and the Regulatory authorities; and

(b) the steps Government are taking to fill the same at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The details of the vacancies in the Supreme Court and various High Courts as on 1.9.2007 are given in the Statement (*See* below).

After the Supreme Court Judgment of October 6, 1993 in the Supreme Court Advocates-on-Record and Anr. *Vs.* Union of India, read with the Advisory Opinion of October 28, 1998, the entire process of initiation of proposal for appointment of a Judge of a Supreme Court lies with the Chief Justice of India and for the appointment of a Judge of a High Court, with the Chief Justice of that High Court. Government has, however, been periodically reminding the Chief Justices of High Courts, the Chief Justice of India and the Chief Ministers of the States for filling up all vacant posts of judges in the High Courts.

The information regarding other regulatory authorities under the Central Government is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the Court	Sanctioned Strength	Working Strength	Vacancies
A	**SUPREME COURT**	26	22	04
B	**HIGH COURTS**			
1.	Allahabad	95	76	19
2.	Andhra Pradesh	39	31	08
3.	Bombay	61	53	08
4.	Calcutta	50	42	08
5.	Chhattisgarh	08	06	02
6.	Delhi	36	33	03
7.	Gauhati	23	22	01
8.	Gujarat	42	30	12
9.	Himachal Pradesh	09	09	–
10.	Jammu and Kashmir	14	09	05
11.	Jharkhand	12	09	03
12.	Karnataka	40	36	04
13.	Kerala	29	27	02
14.	Madhya Pradesh	42	41	01
15.	Madras	46	42	04
16.	Orissa	20	14	06
17.	Patna	31	30	01
18.	Punjab and Haryana	40	34	06
19.	Rajasthan	40	36	04
20.	Sikkim	03	01	02
21.	Uttaranchal	09	09	–
	TOTAL:	689	590	99